

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 23, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAULSBURY submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Allen, a pensioner of the State of Maine, praying to be allowed arrears of pension, beg leave to report:*

That they find the petitioner was granted a pension of five dollars per month from the 1st of January, 1839, by a special act of March 1, 1843, and on the 1st of June, 1858, his pension was increased one dollar per month, commencing at the date of his first allowance. He now asks for a pension from the year 1808, alleging that his disability commenced at that period.

The committee are not willing in such cases to recommend any variation from the law of February 4, 1822, which prescribes that invalid pensions shall commence only from the completion of the proof; nor can they discover in the case of this petitioner any good reason for a departure from that law.

They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

